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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces completion of Occoquan River deepening

Baltimore, Md. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will announce the successful completion of the deepening of the federal channel in the Occoquan River at a reception hosted by the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) as part of the 2005 Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet ceremony on May 14, 2005.

The project was completed in March 2005, and marks the first time the channel had been dredged since 1962. Congressman Tom Davis helped appropriate the funding needed to deepen the channel from 6 feet to 9 feet as a response to a dramatic growth in local land development and navigational use of the river. The deeper channel is expected to eliminate problems associated with navigating in shallow water, reduce vessel groundings and allow commercial boaters to transport more weight and product, which is expected to have a positive economic impact on the local community.

The reception will take place from 3p.m. - 4p.m. at Sea & Sea restaurant in the town of Occoquan, Va.

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